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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5997-N-84]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Appeals; PHAS Unaudited Financial Statement Submission Extensions;
Assisted and Insured Housing Property Inspection Technical Reviews and Database

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

Adjustments

SUMMARY: HUD submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 30 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: [INSERT DATE THAT IS 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal.

Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax:202-395-5806, Email: OIRA

Submission@omb.eop.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QMAC, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW,

Washington, DC 20410; e-mail <u>Colette.Pollard@hud.gov</u>, or telephone 202-402-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Person with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on October 11, 2017 at 82 FR 47241.

A. Overview of Information Collection

<u>Title of Information Collection:</u> Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Appeals;
Public Housing and Multifamily Housing Technical Reviews and Database
Adjustments; Assisted and Insured Housing property inspection Technical Reviews and
Database Adjustments.

OMB Approval Number: 2577-0257.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Form Number: HUD-52306.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The collection of this information supports HUD's ongoing mission to provide safe, decent and affordable housing to lower income households. Accurate assessment information is necessary. PHAs performing poorly may be subject to additional reporting requirements, may receive HUD assistance, and are subject to possible penalties. For the Office of Housing, accurate scores are vital to their monitoring and compliance efforts. Unacceptable property scores result in automatic penalties and referral for enforcement actions.

Pursuant to § 6(j)(2)(A)(iii) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, HUD established procedures in the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) rule for a public housing agencies (PHAs) to appeal a troubled assessment designation (§ 902.69). The PHAS rule in §§ 902.24 and 902.68 also provides that under certain circumstances PHAs may submit a request for a database adjustment and technical review, respectively, of physical condition inspection results.

Pursuant to the Office of Housing Physical Condition of Multifamily Properties regulation at § 200.857(d) and (e), multifamily property owners also have the right, under certain circumstances, to submit a request for a database adjustment and technical review, respectively, of physical condition inspection results.

Appeals, when granted, change assessment scores and designations; database adjustments and technical reviews, when granted, change property scores. These changes result is more accurate assessments.

Section 902.60 of the PHAS rule also provides that, in extenuating circumstances, PHAs may request an extension of time to submit required unaudited financial information. When granted, an extension of time postpones the imposition of sanctions for a late submission.

<u>Respondents</u> (i.e. affected public): Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and Multifamily Housing property owners (MF POs).

Burden Hour Estimates for Respondents for Appeals, TRs and DBAs										
Type	Number of Respondents	X	Frequency of Response	Total Responses	X	Estimated Hours	Ш	Total Annual Burden Hours		
PHA Appeal	151		1	151		5		-755		
PHA DBA	189		1	189		8		1,512		

Burden Hour Estimates for Respondents for Appeals, TRs and DBAs										
Туре	Number of Respondents	X	Frequency of Response	Total Responses	X	Estimated Hours	II	Total Annual Burden Hours		
PHA TR	293		1	293		8		2,344		
MF PO DBA	189		1	189		8		1,512		
MF PO TR	688		1	688		8		5,504		
Totals	1,510			1,510				11,627		

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

- (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond: including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: December 19, 2017.

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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